



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Craig Donsanto
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U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 27518
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Washington, D.C. 20038

RE: MUR 5027
Mark Nichols
Gregorio Cervantes

Dear Mr. Donsanto:

This is in reference to the matter involving Mark Nichols and Gregorio Cervantes. which your office referred to the Federal Election Commission. On June 9, 2000, the Commission found reason to believe that Mark Nichols and Gregorio Cervantes knowingly and willfully violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f. Pursuant to the terms of their respective plea agreements, Mark Nichols has entered into a conciliation agreement providing for the payment of a \$56,000 civil penalty and Gregorio Cervantes has entered into a conciliation agreement providing for a \$26,000 civil penalty. This matter is now closed. Copies of the conciliation agreements are enclosed for your information.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping the Commission meet its enforcement responsibilities under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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Enclosures